(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.

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IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the University Grants Commission under section 28 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956:—

(i) Notification No. F-1-93/74 (CP). dated the 27th July, 1985, publishing the University Grants Commission, (Qualifications required of a person to be appointed to the teaching staff of a university or other institutions affiliated to it) (Amendment) Regulation, 1985.

(ii) Notification No. F. 1-117/83 (C.P.), dated the 14th December, 1985, Publishing the University Grants Commission (the minimum standards of instructions for the grant of the first degree through formal education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences, Commerce and Sciences) Regulations, 1985.

(iii) Notification No. F. 1-117/83 (CP), dated the 14th December, 1985, publishing the University Grants Commission (the minimum standards of instructions for the grant of the first degree through formal distance education in the facilities of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Sciences, Commerce and Sciences) Regulations, 1985.

(iv) Notification No. F.1-81/84 (CPP), dated the 4th January, 1986, publishing the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Maintenance of Institutions) Regulations, 1985.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Sir, I beg to present the Fourth Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Rules.

REPORTRS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Sir, I beg to present the following reports of the Committee on Petitions:—

(i) Eighty-seventh Report on the petition signed by Shri E. K. Nayanar, Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly and forty-five others regarding problems arising out of the multifaced difficulties in the production, marketing and pricing of the coconut industry in Kerala; and

(ii) Eighty-eighth Report on the petition signed by Shri Lalit Mehra regarding large scale environmental pollution in the Country and matters connected therewith.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee.

(i) Twenty-sixth Report on paragraph 62 of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82, Union Government (Civil) relating to National Cooperative Development Corporation.

(ii) Twenty-seventh Report on action taken by Government on Two Hundred and Fourteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on Shortfall in the production of an Equipment and Inventories and works-in-progress in Ordinance factories.

STATEMENT REGARDING RAVI AND BEAS WATERS TRIBUNAL ORDINANCE, 1986

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Shankaranand.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Sir,

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA (Harayana): Sir, I have objection to...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know that there are some objections. At the time of the introduction of the Bill I will give you a chance.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): About Special Mentions?

MR. CHIRMAN: We will come to them after the introduction of the Bill.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: At the stage of introduction, for leave to permit introduction of this Bill I have objection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mohunta, I am going to give you an opportunity. I have told Mr. Advani. First of all, the procedure is this. Let me clarify. First the Minister will make the statement with regard to the Ordinance and nobody can raise any objection. Then he will seek to introduce the Bill. At that stage you can...

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: I have only one objection with regard to the laying of the statement on the Table regarding the Ordinance, because this Ordinance was drafted without any powers. The Central Government does not have any powers at all. The Constitution provides...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can discuss it at that time. I have got the Rules here. At the time of laying the Statement on the Ordinance no discussion will be allowed. At the time when he introduces the Bill to replace the Ordinance, if there is objection I will give you an opportunity. That is, I follow very correctly the procedure.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which necessitated immediate legislation by the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal Ordinance, 1986.

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THE INTER-STATE WATER DISPUTES (AMENDMENT BILL, 1986

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, before I call the Minister to move for leave to introduce this Bill, I think I would follow the other procedure. I will ask him to to move for leave and then I will hear the objections. You move for leave to introduce the Bill.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

The question was proposed

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, objections. Mr. Jaswant Singh.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will refer to Rule 67, from which I derive my objection, and I will also draw your attention to Article 262 of the Constitution. Article 262 of the Constitution relates to disputes relating to water. And it is necessary for me here to sustain what I am saying that it is outside the legislative competence of this Council or this House to legislate upon this particular issue. I draw your attention to article 262 which says:

> "Parliament may by law provide for the adjudication of any dispute or complaint with respect to the use, distribution or control of the waters of, or in, any inter-state river or river valley."

The key words are "inter State river or river valley". The specific objection is about the legislative competence of this House to take up an issue relating to rivers which are not inter-State, which do not relate to the three specific States here referred to as far as the Punjab settlement is concerned. And water itself specifically is a State subject. As far as the usage of water specifically is concerned, the Constitution itself is clear. In explaining the need for an extra-judicial machinery to settle inter-State disputes relating to water supplies, a joint parliamentary committee had been formed which observed that the effect of this is to give each province complete powers over water supplies within the province. A distinction, therefore, has to be made between the powers of the State within the State specifically limiting itself to the usage of water. When it comes to inter-State rivers or inter-State river valleys, the competence of this House to legislate on that is not there, Sir.